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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Appointment of Executive Officer for the Operations Coordinating Board

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1. Mr. Walter A. RADIUS of the Department of State has been asked by [REDACTED] to work out the details of appointing an Executive Officer for the Operations Coordinating Board at \$16,000 per year. I informed Mr. RADIUS that there was no normal way of establishing such a position unless one of the top White House slots were available; apparently none is.

2. The regular procedure for such a position is legislation, but this would require carrying the position at a grade GS-15 or lower until legislation were obtained. The only alternative is the use of the Central Intelligence Agency's broad statutory powers. If this were done by you on your own initiative, I believe you would be subject at least to criticism from the Bureau of the Budget and the Comptroller General in view of commitments and policies established on the proper use of special authorities granted to you and to the Agency.

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3. In the case of the Psychological Strategy Board, the position for [REDACTED] was established at \$16,000 under our authority at the request of the White House. I believe a Presidential indication that establishment of such a position is necessary to the proper functioning of the Operations Coordinating Board would be sufficient basis for you to establish the position. I have drafted a letter which I believe would be adequate for such action. If you wish to proceed on this basis, I will indicate to Mr. RADIUS that such a letter will be necessary to establish the position of Executive Officer at \$16,000 at this time.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

1 Att - Draft Letter  
re appointment  
of EO/OCB

CONCUR:

APPROVED:

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cc: DCI (2)  
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Acting Deputy Director **WILLIAM W. DULLES**  
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